

THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD

AT 49 A'BECKETT STREET, MELBOURNE ON 7th.

JUNE, 1971 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Mason (Chairman), Messrs. Hamilton, Kettle, Long, Lugg, Lyons, McIntosh, McMaster, Rundle and Schultz.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Messrs. Black and Mitchell.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

REPORTS:

Co-operative Digest - It was reported that due to a delay in receiving matter for the digest, the first issue will not be published until mid-July.

Policy Statement - Mr. Kettle reported that some work had been done on this and he hoped to present a final report at the next meeting.

Membership - The Secretary reported that he had written to the Victorian Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Society who had agreed to discuss the matter at a later meeting. It was resolved to write again to this Society pointing out the subscription arrangements.

Research - A report was presented by the Sub-Committee listing the items which would be available from a study of the reports to the Registrar of Co-operatives registered under the Co-operation Act. It was agreed that similar information could be obtained in most cases from the balance sheets and Annual Reports of Co-operatives registered under various other Acts. It was agreed that an endeavour be made to employ a student for two weeks in September to collate the information available.

Newsletter - The Secretary reported that he had contacted Mr. Larson who had agreed to prepare a masthead for the newsletter.

TAXATION ON CO-OPERATIVES:

A letter was received from the Co-operative Federation of Australia indicating that no recent work had been done on the matter of taxation for co-operatives and it was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda of the Co-operative Federation of Australia's Annual Meeting and that we ask for some review of the position to be published before that meeting.

I.C.A. MEETING:

A letter was received from the Co-operative Federation of Australia asking for us to arrange an official dinner to be held in conjunction with the I.C.A. Meeting in November and it was decided to suggest that this be held at Palm Lake Motel with the suggestion that a number of Victorian people be invited to be guests at this function.

CO-OP. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA - ANNUAL MEETING:

Mr. Rundle reported that he had contacted the Royal Commonwealth Society and that they were prepared to arrange accommodation for the Interstate delegates and provide a meeting room for the meetings to be held. It was decided to recommend to the C.F.A. that they hold the meeting at this venue. It was decided that we should place the following items on the agenda:  
National Co-operative Newspaper  
Revised Rules of the Federation  
Co-operative Symbol - In this regard we should suggest a study of that at present used by the Australian Federation of Credit Union Leagues.

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA - FUTURE STRUCTURE:

A submission was received from the Secretary of the C.F.A. setting out his proposals for the future structure of the Australian body. It was agreed that this be copied and circulated to members before



the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Queensland Federation concerning the entry of Britain into the Common Market and suggesting that contact be made with various bodies in England on the subject. It was decided that no action be taken on this matter until after the annual meeting of the C.F.A.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Co-operative Advisory Council - Mr. Long reported that this body had completed its survey of the Co-operation Act and was now collating its recommendations.

Advertising Slides - Mr. Macintosh reported that he had been in contact with the Co-operative Leagues of U.S.A. but as yet has no practical proposal for the formation of a slide library.

NEXT MEETING:

It was decided that at the next meeting the film, "Strawberries with Cream" be shown.

CLOSE: The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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